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Report to the Community 2000-2001

SPCC South Piedmont
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On The Cover

Pictured left to right are Betty Jo "BJ" Beals, Patricia Johnson and William Dick, who are celebrating their successes on graduation night. Beals spoke at SPCC's graduation ceremony and the NCCCS Academic Excellence Awards Luncheon after overcoming a life-threatening illness to graduate with a 4.0 GPA and a degree in computer programming. SPCC Computer Programming Instructor Patricia Johnson encouraged Beals every step of the way as she worked toward her goal. SPCC History Instructor William Dick was named the winner of SPCC's Excellence in Teaching Award for the 2000-01 school year.

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Our Mission

The mission of South Piedmont Community College is to provide accessible, affordable, high-quality education, keeping the learner's needs at the center of decision-making and supporting economic development in partnership with its dynamic and diverse community.

Don Altieri

President's Message

What an exciting year for SPCC! The college has completed its second year of operation and it has been an incredible year of progress and growth. This annual report provides snapshots and glimpses of the many accomplishments and activities which have occurred during the past twelve months.

New programs, new personnel, new and expanded partnerships and new revenue sources have driven the college to a new level of excellence and service to the community.

Considerable progress was made in the area of facilities planning. As a result, the construction of two major buildings and renovations to two other buildings will begin this fall. When these projects are completed, there will be an additional 90,000 square feet of space for instruction and services.

Increased involvement in our communities through partnerships and community service provided by our employees has resulted in increased support to the college, as evidenced by a dramatic increase in gifts and contributions to the college. The college foundation made considerable progress this year relative to its organizational structure and planning.

The transition team, which was formed in June 1999 to assist in the transformation and establishment of the new college, finished its work in June. This team played a key leadership role in guiding the development and/or modification of policies and procedures for the operation of the new college during its first two years of operations. The team is to be highly commended for its diligent work.

Our employees went far beyond the call of duty this year to bring the college to this new level of excellence. Their enthusiasm and excitement permeates the institution.

The trustees, working together, have addressed issues not only facing our college but also the community college system. Their support for this college is steadfast and they are our strongest supporters.

I want to close by thanking our trustees for providing me with a month-long sabbatical. My wife Barbara and I chose that time to see America. It was a wonderful and rewarding experience. I return refreshed and excited about the opportunities, challenges and the future of SPCC. I plan to retire in June of 2003 and between now and then lead this college under the guidance of our trustees to become one of the best community colleges in America.

Donald P. Altieri

Members of the South Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees are (front-left to right) Cliff Martin, Gladys Kerr, James Hardison Jr., Lynn Raye, Anne Covington, Kenneth Collins, (back-left to right) George Miller, Koyt Everhart Jr., Frank Carpenter, Jarvis Woodburn, Kenneth Horne Jr., Richard Stone and Henry Morton.

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Chairman's Message

E. Lynn Raye

As South Piedmont Community College advances in age, growth, and value to this region, so does its commitment to its students, its partners, and its mission of service to the citizens of Anson and Union counties. This report to you is only a hint of the scope and depth of the college's programs and services.

As is appropriate for the 21st Century, *Accessing Success Now* is the theme that indicates how the college is changing with the times. Certifications are extremely important to employers and these are available with almost all programs. Distance Learning via videocassette or Internet allows students to progress in a course of study at home in the hours of their convenience. The new, soon-to-open North Carolina Information Highway room will offer the opportunity for two-way communication around the world.

As the population in our region changes, so do we. Prime examples are the programs provided for our international community and the newly developed New Century Scholars program. Immigrants now influence our communities, especially Hispanics and Latinos. The college is responding with its English as a Second Language program, providing computer classes in Spanish, and teaching supervisors to be bilingual. Our New Century Scholars program will identify students with potential after their sixth grade year in school, and will contract with them and their parents to provide the students with two years at South Piedmont Community College.

South Piedmont Community College is indebted to its partners for their support, their assistance, and their friendship. From the chambers of commerce, Union Regional Medical Center and Anson Community Hospital, the arts councils, the public school systems, JobReady and SmartStart, to economic development organizations, the college and the community are enriched by their involvement in educational activities, training, and services. In addition, many of our citizens serve on advisory committees and influence program development. And the beat goes on. The trustees urge you to enjoy the information you will find in this book and realize this is but an inkling of *Accessing Success Now* at South Piedmont Community College.

Won't you join us?

Throwing Open New Doors & Welcoming Our Friends

Lockhart-Taylor Center > > >

SPCC hosted an old-fashioned ice cream social for former employees of West Knitting Mills, Reeves Brothers, Dawson Consumer Products and J. E. Morgan and their families on Sunday, July 30, 2-5 p.m., in the college's Lockhart-Taylor Center, which was formerly West Knitting Plant No. 1. The Lockhart-Taylor Center's name honors former Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor and his wife, Elizabeth Lockhart Taylor.

A group of Anson County citizens dedicated to seeing the mill renovated for use by SPCC hosted a breakfast for the business community in the building Oct. 11. Plans for turning the building at 514 N. Washington Street into the SPCC East Campus Continuing Education Center complete with a community center were showcased. The new center will allow SPCC to consolidate continuing education and basic skills at one central location near downtown Wadesboro.

Friends of SPCC launched a community campaign during February to raise $25,000 toward the almost $1.7 million that will be needed for Phase I renovations. The money was added to $1 million of state money and $613,000 raised by a committee led by SPCC Trustee Vice Chair and Foundation member James A. Hardison Jr.

< < < West Campus Continuing Education Center

The Board of Directors of the South Piedmont Community College Foundation, Inc. hosted an open house Oct. 29 at the SPCC West Campus Continuing Education Center. This was the first time the building, which once housed the United Carolina Bank Operation Center, had been opened to the general public since it was purchased by the college earlier in 2000. All areas of the building, which houses the SPCC Continuing Education Center, the Literacy Council of Union County, the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), the Union County Economic Development Commission and the Union County Public Schools Professional Development Center, were open and staffed.

Since the 83,000-square-foot building and 23.45 acres were purchased in March 2000, the building has seen significant renovations, including the construction of a state-of-the-art culinary laboratory. The center has been completely networked with wireless technology. A portion of SPCC's share of the 2000 Higher Education Bond Package will be used to create a 10,000-square-foot instructional/conference center.

The Early Childhood Resource Center, a cooperative effort between SPCC and the Union County Partnership for Children, has relocated to the center. The move from SPCC's West Campus afforded the ECRC, which provides teaching aids to daycare facilities and other caregivers in Union County, space to expand its offerings.

Whitaker Applied Technologies Center > > >

SPCC instructors began teaching autobody repair and welding classes in a brand new facility on the L.L. Polk Campus during Fall 2000. The 10,000 square-foot ultra modern facility was named the Whitaker Applied Technologies Center in honor of Philip O. Whitaker, senior faculty member and chair of the Applied Technologies Department at SPCC. A dedication ceremony was held Dec. 1, 2000, and a large crowd of friends from the college and the community gathered to honor Whitaker for his dedicated service to the college. Whitaker retired from teaching full-time in the air conditioning, heating and refrigeration program at SPCC after the Spring 2001 semester, but plans to return to the classroom on a part-time basis.

In The Planning Stages

The planning of a $1.4 million Cyber Center on the L.L. Polk Campus has been completed, and construction will begin Fall 2001. The new learning resources center will feature some of the latest innovations in information resource management including compact shelving behind a help desk to facilitate student research. A large information commons will allow students to work comfortably in a casual setting. Windows will overlook the Jane Cunningham Memorial Garden, which will be built with the Cyber Center. The facility will include a large meeting room with dividers and state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment that will be made available for community use.

Plans for a 43,000-square-foot classroom building with a learning resources center, allied health classrooms and labs at the Old Charlotte Highway site have also been completed. The construction bid process is expected to begin Fall 2001.

SPCC Plays Key Role In Developing Information System

South Piedmont Community College has played a key role in the development and implementation of the North Carolina Community College System's new College Information System. Since 1997, SPCC has provided input and leadership in defining and designing new software to manage student registration and financial processes. The college is one of eight Phase One colleges selected to install and test the software. The Colleague system is produced by Datatel, Inc. and includes financial management applications, student records applications and instructional course management applications.

Many South Piedmont employees have traveled long distances to participate in meetings to bring the "System of the Future" to life. President Don Altieri serves on the project Steering Committee. Director of Information Services Anna Baucom serves as chair of the technology team and chairs the project managers' group.

During the past year, other college personnel have served on teams to define and customize the software to fit community colleges' needs. Their work has involved frequent meetings and discussions with vendors and representatives from other community colleges. SPCC employees who work with the teams are Vice President of Student Services Joe Capell, who serves on two teams: the Student System Team and the Student Information Team; Registrar Pat Taylor, who serves on the Student Information Team; Vice President of Finance and Operations Becky Wall, who serves on three teams: Core Foundation Team, Finance and Business Team, and the Auxiliary Services Team; Dean of Continuing Education John Duncan, who serves on the Continuing Education Team; Human Resources Officer Susan Flake, who serves on the Human Resources Team and the Mega Team; and Director of Emergency Services Kevin Ashley, who serves on the Fire Certification Work Group.

From July 2001 through June 2002, SPCC, along with the other seven Phase One colleges, will implement the new software system. The Finance Division is in the process of implementing General Ledger, Accounts Payable and Purchasing applications.

In July 2001, the system office will announce the next group of 16 colleges that will start using the Colleague software. South Piedmont Community College will continue its leadership role by helping these schools learn to use and implement the applications.

Programs of Study 2000-2001

SPCC established a variety of new curriculum and continuing education programs over the past year.

SPCC began offering Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) in Fall 2000, and the class had a 100 percent pass rate on the state exam. The 602-hour BLET program provides entry-level training for students who wish to become certified law enforcement officers in North Carolina. All classes are taught at the West Campus Continuing Education Center. Both day and evening/ weekend programs are offered.

SPCC has added medical sonography to its curriculum programs with classes scheduled to begin Fall 2001. The associate degree program was made possible when Union Regional Medical Center donated a $50,000, four-year-old ultrasound machine to the college. Sonography classes will be taught at the hospital until SPCC's new classroom building on Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe is completed. The program will help fill the need for skilled sonographers in SPCC's service area.

SPCC has added a therapeutic massage program, which will be taught in both Monroe and Polkton beginning Fall 2001. The program will provide career training in massage therapy and prepare graduates to work in direct client care settings. Students have the option of completing a one-year diploma program or a two-year associate degree program.

The groundwork has been layed for the Cisco Networking Academy to be in operation at SPCC this fall. The academy provides course work for a complete range of basic through advanced networking concepts, from pulling cable to subnet masking rules and strategies to troubleshooting.

SPCC offered its first phlebotomy program during the Fall 2000 semester. The first class was taught as a curriculum program, but the course was transferred to the continuing education division later in the year. SPCC established the phlebotomy program to help meet the high demand for skilled medical workers.

The Nursing Assistant program at SPCC began the 2000-01 year as a curriculum program, but has since moved to the Continuing Education Division. Courses are offered throughout the year in both Polkton and Monroe.

Curriculum Programs Offered 2000-2001

Accounting
Advertising and Graphic Design
Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology
Associate in Arts
Associate in General Education
Associate in Science
Autobody Repair
Business Administration
Carpentry
Central Sterile Processing
Computer Programming
Criminal Justice Technology
Culinary Technology
Early Childhood Associate
Early Childhood Associate - Teacher Associate
Electrical/Electronics Technology
Emergency Medical Science
Foodservice Technology
General Occupational Technology
Health Information Technology
Human Services Technology – Developmental Disabilities
Human Services Technology – Social Services
Information Systems
Information Systems – Network Administration and Support
Licensed Practical Nurse Refresher
Machining Technology
Masonry
Mechanical Engineering Technology – Drafting and Design
Medical Assisting
Medical Office Administration
Medical Transcription
Nursing Assistant (Moved to Con Ed mid-year)
Nursing - Associate Degree (In cooperation with Stanly CC)
Office Systems Technology
Office Systems Technology – Legal
Paralegal Technology
Phlebotomy (Moved to Con Ed mid-year)
Practical Nursing
Surgical Technology
Welding Technology

Blackboard Takes Over

Blackboard is now the software used by SPCC to create Internet courses and learning support activities. Since September 2000, the number of registered users has grown to 220 enrolled students and 29 instructors. Instructors and users have created a total of 58 course sites that represent 46 courses and 12 learning sites.

The 46 courses are courses that have been offered, are currently being offered or are under development. The learning sites are sites created for individual employees who wish to explore and learn about Blackboard or for college committees.

Blackboard is not just for offering classes over the Internet. Instructors can use Blackboard to make tests, resources, links, and other course-related materials available to the students.

Con Ed Sees Steady Enrollment Growth

During the Summer, Fall and Spring terms of 2000-2001, SPCC's Continuing Education Division held 702 classes enrolling 12,459 students (duplicated). One of the significant highlights of the year has been the steady increase in enrollment in Continuing Education classes. Comparing Spring 2000 to Spring 2001, Basic Skills FTE increased 21% and Occupational Extension FTE increased by 57% with total student duplicated enrollment increasing by 36%.

HRD Program Sees Tremendous Growth

SPCC's Human Resources Development (HRD) program has experienced tremendous growth during the past year. Job Seeking and Job Keeping class offerings have grown by 140%, student enrollment has grown by 99.7% and FTEs have grown by 47%.

SPCC now offers 12 HRD classes between the two counties, up from the five classes previously offered. Some of the new course offerings include College Prep for GED and AHS graduates, Computer Skills for the Workplace, Computer Skills for the Medical Workplace, and Application, Interviews and Resumes (A.I.R), in cooperation with the Employment Security Commission in both Anson and Union Counties.

A total of 765 students was served through the HRD classes, up from 383 students the previous year, resulting in a growth of FTEs from 50 to 73.4. The HRD department has continuously striven to forge strong community relationships with the Department of Social Services, Employment Security Commission as well as other community agencies and departments within SPCC. Many of the new HRD classes serve as preparatory courses for students seeking to enter curriculum programs or continuing education classes.

HRD personnel have also been active in Job Fairs, the Business Expo and other community events in both counties.

SPCC Emergency Services Director Kevin Ashley demonstrates a weighted door on the BLET obstacle course he and other volunteers built behind the West Campus Continuing Education Center to make the new training program for entry-level law enforcement officers a reality.

Continuing Education Offerings 2000-2001

- Adult Basic Skills
  - Adult High School
  - General Education Development (GED)
  - Adult Basic Education
  - Compensatory Education
  - English as a Second Language
  - Workplace Literacy
- Human Resources Development
  - Job-Seeking Skills
  - Work First
- Continuing Education
  - Occupational Extension
  - New Industry Training
  - Expanding Industry Training
  - In-Plant Training
  - Focused Industrial Training
- Small Business Center
  - Entrepreneurial Education
  - Seminars
  - Consulting Services
- Emergency Services
  - Fire Training
  - Rescue/Emergency Medical Training
  - Law Enforcement Training

SPCC Expands to Five PLATO Learning Labs

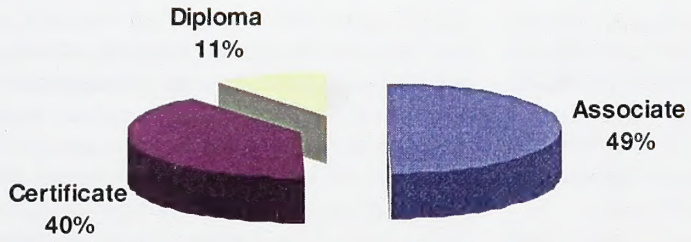
South Piedmont Community College has demonstrated its commitment to literacy in Anson and Union counties by establishing five PLATO computerized tutorial labs in a short period of time. Since January 2000, the number of PLATO Labs and licenses has grown tremendously. Prior to January 2000, SPCC had one PLATO lab with 18 licenses. There are now five labs and 72 licenses. Labs are located in Wadesboro, Polkton and Monroe. The newest lab opened in Wadesboro in October 2000 and serves Basic Skills, Human Resources Development and curriculum students. The individual labs serve between 40 to 200 students per week with 4,070 log-ins reported during the Fall semester. SPCC has one of the highest number of PLATO licenses among community colleges in the state and continues to demonstrate it commitment to literacy in the two counties through its support of individualized, computer-enhanced instruction.

Floor Covering Institute

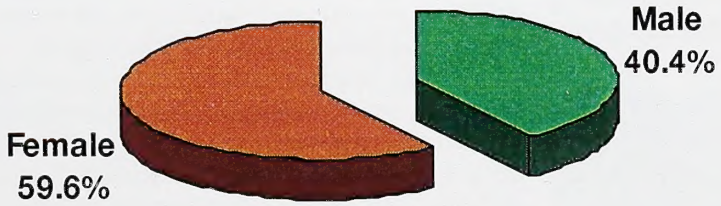
SPCC's East Campus Continuing Education Center with assistance from CMH Flooring Products, Inc. offers the Floor Covering Institute which draws participants came from all over the Mid-Atlantic region to learn more about installing ceramic, carpet, resilient and laminate flooring.

Our Curriculum Students

Curriculum Enrollment by Program Type 2000-2001



Curriculum Enrollment by Gender 2000-2001



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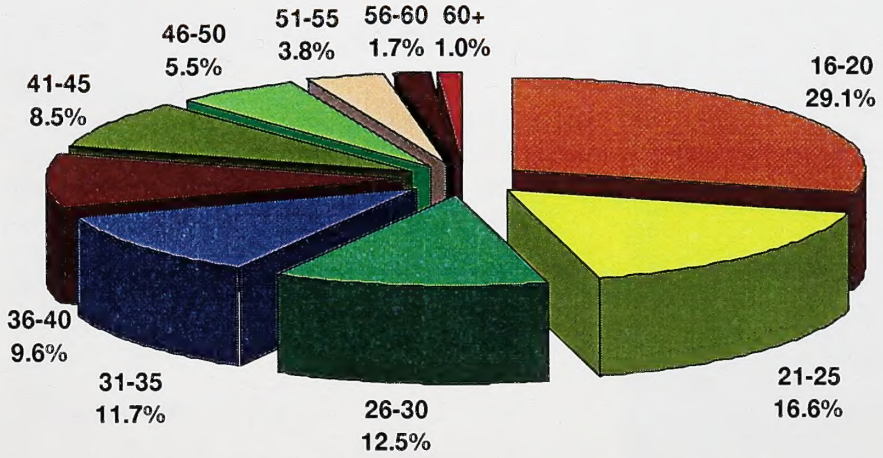


Curriculum Enrollment

2000-01 School Year	2,853 enrolled	
Enrolled Full-Time	612	22%
Enrolled Part-Time	2,241	78%

	Male	Female	Total
White	23.1%	34.2%	57.3%
Black	15.6%	24.2%	39.7%
Indian	0.2%	0.4%	0.7%
Hispanic	1.0%	0.3%	1.3%
Asian	0.3%	0.4%	0.7%
Other	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Total	40.4%	59.6%	100.%

Unemployed	1,144	40%
Day Students	2,362	83%
Evening Students	491	17%

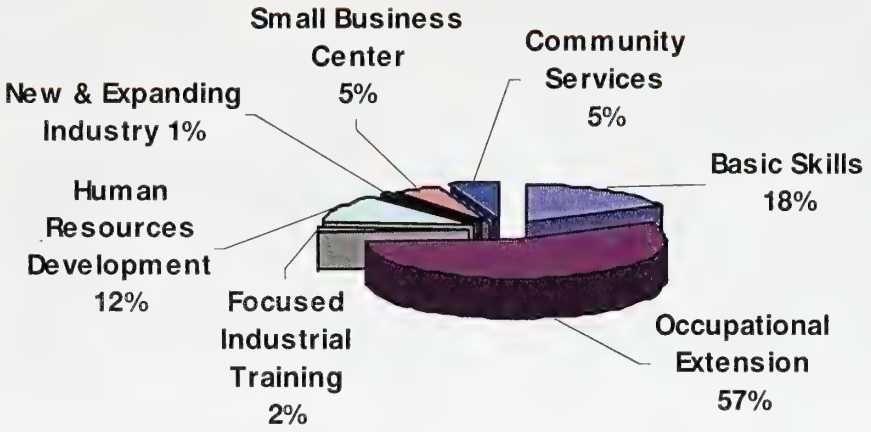
Anson County Residents	1,235	43.3%
Union County Residents	1,495	52.4%
Mecklenburg County Residents	45	1.6%
Richmond County Residents	23	0.8%
Stanly County Residents	19	0.7%
Other	36	1.3%

Program Areas		
College Transfer	204	7.2%
Associate	828	29.0%
Certificate	362	12.7%
Diploma	511	17.9%
Transitional	948	33.2%

Graduates	On-Campus	Inmates
Associate Degree	93	16
Certificate	20	15
Diploma	20	15
Total	187	57

Our Continuing Education Students

Continuing Education Enrollment by Program Type 2000-2001



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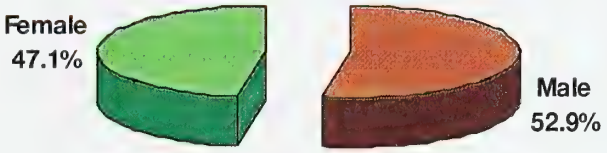

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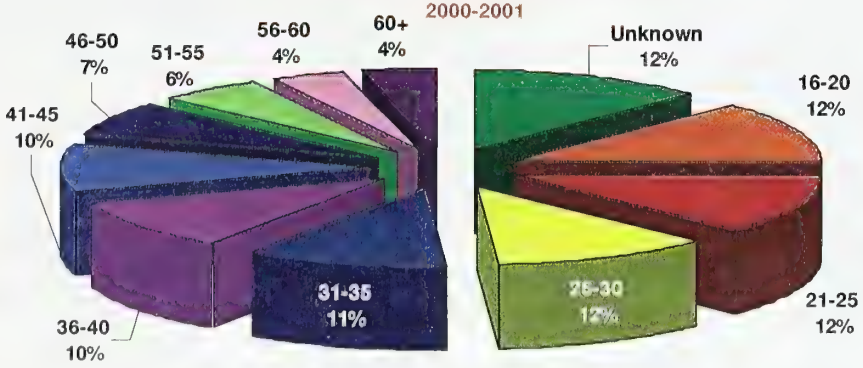


Continuing Education Enrollment

2000-01 School Year	6,838 enrolled	
Employed Full-Time	3,916	57.3%
Employed Part-Time	703	10.3%
Unemployed	2,057	30.1%
Retired	162	2.4%

	Male	Female	Total
White	33.1%	28.2%	61.3%
Black	12.4%	13.8%	26.2%
Indian	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Hispanic	6.2%	3.8%	9.9%
Asian	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%
Other	0.7%	0.9%	1.6%
Total	52.9%	47.1%	100%

Anson County Residents	1,874	27.4%
Union County Residents	4,242	62.0%
Richmond County Residents	119	1.7%
Mecklenburg County Residents	220	3.2%
Other	383	5.6%

Total Number of Classes	748	
Day	442	59.1%
Evening	306	40.9%

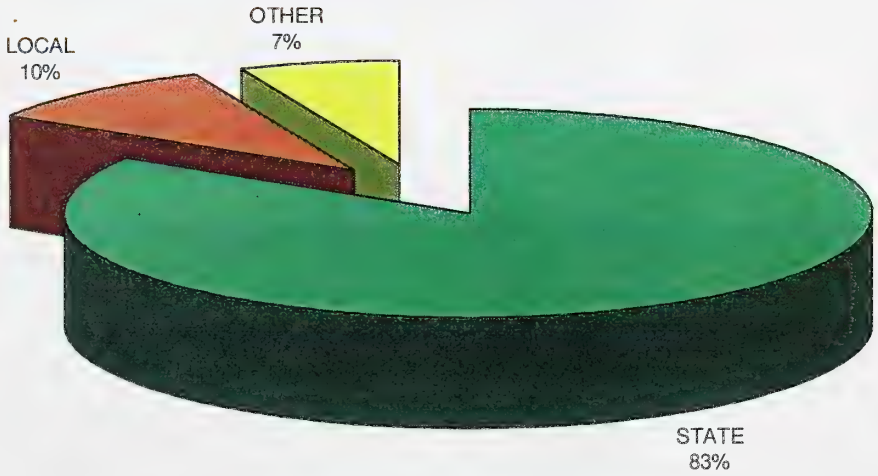
Number of Classes by Type		
Basic Skills	132	17.6%
Occupational Extension	404	54.0%
Occupational Extension - Receipt	21	2.8%
Focused Industrial Training	15	2.0%
Human Resources Development	88	11.8%
New & Expanding Industry	9	1.2%
Small Business Center	39	5.2%
Community Services	9	1.2%
Community Services - Self Supporting	31	4.1%

Our Financial Picture

Funding Sources

State	$8,372,276	84%
Local	965,831	10%
Other	650,918	7%
Total	**$9,989,025**	

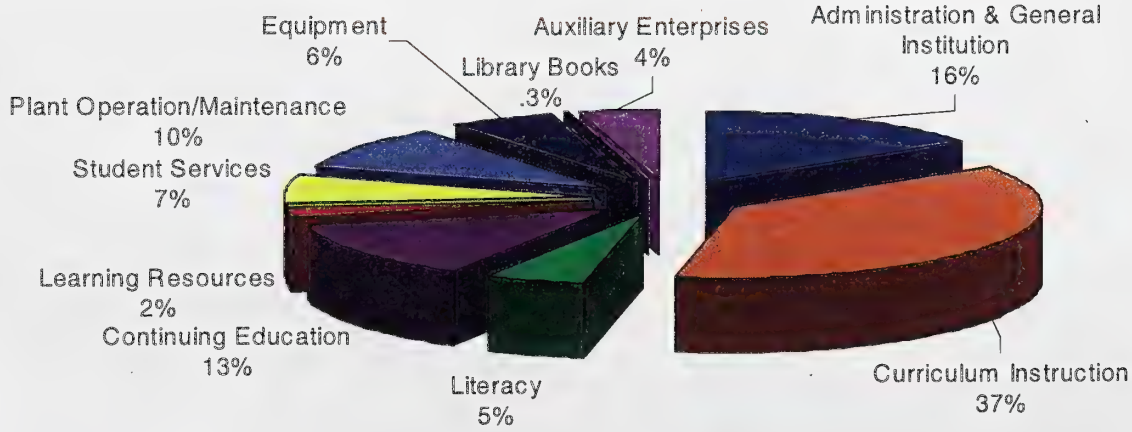
College Funding 2000-2001



Expenditures

Administration & General Institution	$1,557,511	15.6%
Curriculum Instruction	3,726,118	37.3%
Literacy	543,284	5.4%
Continuing Education	1,310,429	13.1%
Learning Resources	220,157	2.2%
Student Services	668,210	6.7%
Plant Operation/Maintenance	965,831	9.7%
Equipment	558,571	5.6%
Library Books	26,948	0.3%
Auxiliary Enterprises	403,113	4.0%
Total	**$9,980,172**	

College Expenditures 2000-2001



Scholarships Help Students Gain Access

Union County Schools Superintendent Jerry Thomas talks about the New Century Scholars Program for Union County Public Schools during a roll-out presentation at the Union County Chamber of Commerce. SPCC President Don Altieri and SPCC Trustee Chair Lynn Raye look on.

New Century Scholars Program

The New Century Scholars Program was unveiled to a crowd of supporters April 20, 2000 at the Union County Chamber of Commerce in Monroe. This innovative program will provide a unique South Piedmont Community College educational opportunity to 10 rising seventh graders at each of the six middle schools operated by Union County Public Schools.

Middle school students selected will represent the "middle majority," students who are average or a bit above average academically and have the potential to benefit from being given the opportunity to attend college. New Century Scholars will be nominated by teachers, guidance counselors and school administrators with a new group of rising seventh graders added to the program each year. In 2007, when the first scholarships are awarded, approximately 360 students will be involved in the New Century Scholars Program in Union County.

When a student is selected for the program, the student and his or her parents must sign a contract. Terms of the contract include maintaining satisfactory grades, attendance and conduct. Students are also required to refrain from using drugs and alcohol. A mentor from the business community will be assigned to each student to help ensure his or her success. Students who fail to meet the established standards can be removed from the scholarship program.

New Century Scholars who successfully complete the program get a two-year scholarship to SPCC, where they may study a vocational or technical field or enter a two-year college transfer program. Funding for the scholarships will come from donations by businesses, civic organizations, individuals and churches. A number of contributions towards the scholarships have been made. The money will be invested and after six years, the cost of two years of college tuition and books will be covered.

The New Century Scholars Program at SPCC is patterned after a program in place at Southwestern Community College in Sylva. The Southwestern program's first group of scholarship recipients will graduate from high school and enroll at Southwestern in Fall 2001.

Financial Aid Awards at SPCC 2000-2001

Federal Pell Grant Funds	$1,397,943.00
Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant	34,253.97
Federal College Work-Study	54,763.28
NC Student Incentive Grant	1,665.00
NC Community College Grant	39,155.00
Child Care	30,751.75
State & Local Scholarships	19,373.80
Total	**$1,577,905.80**

The William Dunlap Covington Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Amy Burris of Ansonville and Janet McLester of Wadesboro. This endowment was created to honor the memory of W. Dunlap Covington, an Anson County businessman who was instrumental in starting the Anson County Chamber of Commerce.

The Pee Dee Electric Scholarship was awarded to Barbara Deese of Peachland.

Aretha Escalara, a practical nursing student, received the Susan Margaret Horne Endowed Scholarship, which is given in memory of Susan Margaret Horne, who grew up in Wadesboro and became a registered nurse and certified nurse anesthetist.

The Wadesboro Rotary Club Scholarship was awarded to Cynthia Mitchell and Margaret Sellers.

The Anson Community Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship was awarded to Paula Tyson, a Surgical Technology student.

The Las Amigas Scholarship was awarded to Vera Campbell.

SPCC Is Taking A Hard Look At Itself To Assure Quality

Every 10 years, members of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), undergo an intense review process. The purpose of the review is to ensure that the college is in compliance with the *Criteria for Accreditation*. The climax of the process is an on-site review by a group of peer evaluators.

In preparation for the on-site review, colleges initiate a self-study process. Using teams of faculty, staff, students, and trustees, all aspects of the college are scrutinized and measured against the *Criteria*.

At SPCC, a Self-Study Steering Committee oversees nine principal committees. Each principal committee will focus on one particular area, research it, investigate it, and report on its level of compliance with the *Criteria*.

SACS Principal Committees

Committee on Principles and Philosophy of Accreditation
Committee on Institutional Purpose
Committee on Institutional Effectiveness
Committee on Educational Programs
Committee on Faculty
Committee on Educational Support Service
Committee on Student Development Services
Committee on Organization, Administration and Corporate Entities
Committee on Financial and Physical Resources

During the past year, all members of the principal committees underwent two orientations. One introduced them to the self-study process as a whole. The second focused in on the specific committee assignment and the self-study processes. The committees also participated, along with the entire college community, in the official kick off for the self-study. The kick-off was held in February when Dr. Donald Crump from SACS visited.

SACS Representative Donald Crump explains the reaccreditation process to employees of SPCC during the February kick off of the three-year process.

SPCC Responds To Our Community's Changing Population

During the summer of 2000, SPCC began a search for just the right person to lead the college's efforts to reach the rapidly growing Hispanic population in Union County. The 2000 census figures had not yet been released, but anyone could see that more and more Spanish-speaking people were choosing to call Union County home.

When the search was over, SPCC had found Katie Velez, a 24-year-old Spanish education graduate of East Carolina University. Velez and her husband, Danny, a native of Colombia, South America, were already living in Monroe. She had taught English as a Second Language classes at Pitt Community College before moving to Monroe.

When the new census figures came out in March, they showed that one in five newcomers to rapidly growing Union County was Hispanic. The Hispanic population of Union County was reported to be 7,637, a figure Velez considers a little low. The census showed that 5,611 Hispanics call Monroe home, and their arrival over the past decade accounted for half of Monroe's 63 percent growth rate.

As SPCC's ESL Coordinator, Velez said she sees both opportunity and obligation when she looks at these figures. Her priority has been to bring in more students. When she arrived, SPCC was averaging 200-250 people in the ESL program in Union County. With 8,000-10,000 people with needs in Union County, Velez expects those numbers to grow significantly over the next year. Velez is working toward this goal using a variety of innovative approaches.

Central United Methodist Church in Monroe and the Union County Partnership for Children (Smart Start) are partnering with SPCC to offer ESL classes to women with children. The program has 32 women enrolled and 15-20 attend class each Tuesday and Thursday morning. With assistance from Smart Start, the church serves breakfast and lunch and provides childcare and transportation.

The college has begun an ESL class for inmates at Brown Creek Correctional Institution with classes taught by two Sacred Heart Catholic Church nuns.

SPCC is teaming up with a variety of community outreach programs to offer life skill seminars in Spanish on topics including filing income taxes and what immigrants are required to do, housing conditions, owning a home, obtaining citizenship and driver's licence issues.

Computer classes are being offered in Spanish and are proving popular even with Hispanic people who speak English.

We're Part Of Our Community

SPCC's campaign for the Anson County Relay for Life to support cancer research raised $3,441.50. SPCC teams spent the night at both the Anson and Union Relays, and provided free, fun activities for other participants at the event.

SPCC Math and Physics Instructor Marie Burleson helps a student conduct an experiment on sound conduction during a Science Fair she and her students ran at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School on May 1.

SPCC was part of the first Union County Business Expo, hosted by the Union County Chamber of Commerce. SPCC's Small Business Center provided a series of seminars on business ownership.

Our Friends Supported the Higher Education Bonds

When voters in North Carolina went to the polls in November 2000, they were asked to approve the $3.1 billion Higher Education Bond Package. With the hard work of bond supporters across the state, the package to fund new construction and upgrade facilities at all the state's 59 community college and 16 public universities passed easily.

When the ballots had been tallied, we learned voters in every precinct in Anson and Union counties had approved the bonds. This overwhelming approval of the bonds can only be attributed to the hard work of our friends in the two counties. These many volunteers worked tirelessly at fairs and festivals and spoke countless times at civic and church meetings to make sure members of our community understood the bonds.

SPCC received just over $679,000 from the bond package. This amount was derived from a formula used to appropriate the bond money. Because SPCC and its predecessors received $11 million in special appropriations from the state since 1992, space needs on our campuses were not considered pressing. The bond package provides $263,488 for new construction in Union County and $416,235 in repair and renovation funds which may be utilized in either county.

The new construction money will be used to fund the renovation of a 10,000-square-foot space in the West Campus Continuing Education Center to create a new flexible instructional conference center. Repair and renovation funds will be used to address a number of pressing needs in the two counties.

People Are The Key To Everything At SPCC

SPCC President Don Altieri was appointed to the North Carolina Rural Internet Access Commission, State Senate President Pro Tempore Marc Basnight announced Dec. 5. He will work with other members of the commission to bring high speed Internet access and Internet service without telephone toll charges to all counties in N.C.

Coordinator of East Campus Facility and Property Services Al Odom was named Support Person of the Year 2000 by his peers at SPCC. SPCC President Don Altieri made the proclamation Aug. 7 during the annual State of the College address which began Convocation 2000.

Betty Jo "BJ" Beals, a 4.0 GPA information systems and computer programming student at SPCC, was among three students chosen to speak at the Academic Excellence Awards Luncheon hosted by the North Carolina Community College System at the North Raleigh Hilton May 15, 2001. The gathering of about 600 included Governor Michael F. Easley and about 40 legislators from across the state.

SPCC Adult Basic Skills Instructor Carol Ford served as the facilitator of a special parenting program at Brown Creek Correctional Institution Oct. 2-Nov. 8, 2000. FATHER, which stands for Fathers Acting to Heal, Educate and Reconnect, was a pilot program offered at four correctional facilities in the state using a course curriculum developed at the request of the NC Department of Correction by Motheread, Inc.

SPCC Basic Skills Instructor Doris Jeane Haigler was named first place winner in the Adult Short Story Competition held by the Union County Writers Club. Haigler's story, "Willy Bruce," is based on an old family legend.

SPCC Director for Counseling and Testing-East Campus Elaine Clodfelter was chosen to participate in the North Carolina Community College Leadership Program.

SPCC Corrections Education Chair Joe Madaras served as co-director of "Leaves of Magnolia: The Brown Creek Life Review Performance Project for Young People." The play was presented by Brown Creek Correctional Institution inmates to audiences of at-risk youth from Anson, Union and Durham counties. The production was sponsored by the Durham Arts Council and funded by the North Carolina Humanities Council. The project received local, state and national news coverage.

SPCC Master Instructor Scott Collier was selected as one of 44 members of the eighth class of Leadership North Carolina. Leadership North Carolina is an innovative leadership program that is designed to help the state's potential leaders understand North Carolina's social and economic problems as well as opportunities. Collier, who provides on-site industry training through SPCC's Continuing Education Division, participated in six monthly, two-day sessions in six different cities across the state between October 2000 and June 2001.

SPCC's Alpha Omega Psi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa traveled Feb. 24, 2001 to a Phi Theta Kappa Regional Conference in Greenville, S.C. SPCC Chapter President Shannon Mathis was elected president of the Carolinas Region, which covers North and South Carolina. The SPCC chapter captured 11 awards, including a Five Star Award, during the conference. SPCC officers later traveled to Colorado for the Phi Theta Kappa International Conference.

SPCC Accounting Instructor Marilyn Robertson served as co-director of the Free Enterprise Leadership Conference held Sept. 28-29, 2000, in Washington, D.C. Robertson traveled to Washington with SPCC students Nicole Burr of Wadesboro, Patrick Rollings of Monroe and Jason Thomas of Peachland. The SPCC students were the only community college students in attendance, and were selected by instructors to serve as mentors to the high schoolers from North Carolina and Virginia who were selected for the conference.

Assistant to the Vice President of Educational Programs on the East Campus Elizabeth Kersey was awarded the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Award for Excellence in Community College Support presented by the National Council on Black American Affairs-Southern Region.

Wellness Committee Improves SPCC Employees' Lives

The newly formed Wellness Committee has hit the ground running. During the past year, it has had a monthly column in the college newsletter, *The SPCC Insider*, sponsored the Going the Distance walking program, established a food co-op for college employees, and developed plans for the lunch and afternoon activities at the college's 2001 convocation.

The Going the Distance walking program had 22 participants who walked a total of 1,909 miles. Held over a period of 12 weeks, the program encouraged participants to adopt the healthy habit of walking for exercise.

Patterned after a co-op in Stanly County, the SPCC Wellness Committee Food Co-op is being established to provide college employees with a healthy and economical alternative to regular grocery shopping. Open to all employees of the college, the co-op will have orders delivered once a month and make a wide variety of products available from organically grown produce to earth friendly cleaning products.

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